

DIED AT HIS DESK

William R. Maze, Telegraph Editor of the Eagle

FOUND DEAD IN HIS CHAIR

He Became Despondent Through Drink, and so Committed Suicide by Swallowing Morphine—His Life.

Despondency and whisky have caused William R. Maze, who was until Sunday telegraph editor of the Eagle, to commit suicide. Yesterday evening at 7 o'clock two printers who just reported in found "Billy," as was familiarly known, seated at his desk, apparently asleep. Not being able to awaken him, they passed into the composing room. Here they talked to a threat Maze had made to his life, and fearing he might do so, they attempted to awaken him. It was useless, and a bottle containing a small quantity of morphine was placed in his hand and he had come.

Notes had been left, one on his desk and one on T. M. Carpenter. The former said: "In the matter of the estate, the case is at my sister's on a bridge street, and some of them (Carpenter's), my late residence." The one left for Mr. Carpenter was: "I have read the notice which you put in your paper. I don't know whether you ever really died from heart ailment or not, but my heart broke when I read it."

Yielded to Appetite. Maze was a gold cure graduate and had not touched liquor for nine months. He was taking the treatment, but the old habit was too strong for him and after six weeks ago he went on and agreed, but sobered off. The first day he again began drinking. Mr. Carpenter, at whose house he lived, left the following note in his room on Thursday night: "Key, and as soon as convenient take the room. I deeply regret the easy which compels me to make a request, but recent events have left me no other alternative. Your friend."

"THEO. M. CARPENTER." Friday morning the key was found in his room. Maze disappeared and not seen around the office until the morning he did appear he told the Tunnore that he was going to himself by jumping from the window, and he then opened the window apparently repenting, he seated himself at his desk and Tunnore left. He was 39 years old and a single man. Both of his parents are dead. His brother, Harry Maze, and two sisters, Mrs. W. B. Folger and Mrs. A. Bird, survive him. During his career he had been telegraph editor of the Democrat and Tribune at the Bismarck, Dakota, Tribune. Later he was chosen register of the county and treasurer of the county in Bismarck. He was a member of the Y. M. C. A. and the club, and had many friends and one enemy—his appetite for liquor. He had a big heart and was generous to a fault. In last Thanksgiving he told an associate that he was going to the "big game" again and if they could not get him, he was going to kill him. The funeral will be held from the residence of his sister, Mrs. W. B. Folger, No. 153, West Bridge street, at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon.

DEFENSE OF THE PEACOCK.

It Is Not True, as Said, That His Feet Are Ugly—How He Courts.

"Who says the peacock has ugly feet?" remarked Taxidermist Wood, of the Smithsonian Institution, to a Washington Star reporter. "I have heard and read that piece of nonsense ever since I was a child, and I understand that it is recorded as an ornithological truth in classic Greek and Latin. You will come across mention of it even in fables. To my mind it affords an illustration of the fact that most people never use their own physical senses actively but depend for their notion of life and things upon the observations of others. "I have just finished mounting this pair of peacocks. Isn't the male bird a beauty? You can see for yourself that his feet are decidedly pretty and well shaped and rather small in proportion to his size. They are very slightly bigger than those of a turkey and are decidedly handsome. The same can be said of the hen bird, in fact, though the latter is in other points. Wherever in the feathered kingdom the cock bird is the bachelor he does the courting, while in the comparatively unusual case where the female is more gorgeous she it is that takes initiative in the love making. "It is a curious thing to observe that the male peacock in courting his chosen mate approaches her not with the brightly colored face of his feathery fan toward her but backward. Then, on coming close, he wheels suddenly about with very plume trembling in the sunlight and dangles her all at once with his body. As for the popular misconception respecting his feet, there can be no doubt as to how it originated. When the peacock is pointed at, being naturally a shy bird, he is apt to drop his fan and settle away. Thus the impression was conveyed to the ignorant that he limped his feet to be objects of attention and accordingly sought to hide them. Of course nothing could be more absurd."

AN ANCIENT SAYING.

How the Phoenix Comes to a Jelly—Or Does.

"The phoenix," says a mummy, has been familiar to me from my youth and up, and I have always understood it as "beaten to a jelly," says a writer in Waverley Magazine. "Does it not re-

fer to the medicinal substance formerly known as mummy, which kept its place in our dispensaries until pretty late in the last century? It was variously composed and not always of the same substance, but in general appearance would probably resemble that of soft pitch. I speak now of the spurious kinds, which were doubtless most common. Even the 'genuine' sorts were not, however, necessarily Egyptian.

Penicher, in his Traite des Embaumemens, gives directions for the composition of mummy from human flesh expressly for medicinal purposes. His recommendations certain parts of the body to be used, and these to be dried, macerated and spiced out of all likeness to their natural condition. Mummy so prepared entered into a great variety of 'balms' and other medicaments, for which Penicher in his concluding chapter gives recipes from old writers. Some of these have the consistency of oil, others that of an ointment. It is clear, from the references in Nares, that mummy and its preparations were well known and from the 'make mummy of my flesh,' which Nares quotes from an old play, to 'beaten to a mummy' is a natural and easy stop."

QUEER PHENOMENON.

An Explanation of Florida's Curious Spider-Web.

A subscriber living in Gainesville, Fla., sends to the Scientific American for identification a white thread-like substance which he states fell to the earth in large quantities during a rain on September 29. A sample of the material had already been forwarded by another person to the Smithsonian Institution and was thence sent to Dr. George Marx, of the department of agriculture, who makes the following report:

"The sample of a white substance which fell in large quantities in Gainesville, Fla., has been handed me by the botanist of this department for examination. "This very interesting material is without doubt a product of the spinning glands of a spider, or rather thousands of spiders. The chemical reactions prove it is not a vegetable matter, but animal, and the fact that strands can be dissolved almost infinitely into minute threads, and further, the great length of the strands, hundreds of yards, causes the inference that only a spider could manufacture it.

"The species of this spider is unknown to me, but it is not improbable that it might be a Nephila, a very large orb weaver, which abounds in the southern part of the United States and the West Indies.

"The young spiders of many genera avail themselves of their spinning products to migrate from their birthplace by floating through the air to localities at a great distance. Should rain moisten these weavings, the spider web becomes too heavy to float in the air, and sticking together in great masses, falls from above.

"A similar occurrence was reported to me from Vallicia, Calaveras county, Cal., November 16, 1891. It has occurred there for the last four years in October and November."

"This is the first time this phenomenon has occurred in the south. The web is perfectly white and appears to be a mixture of silk and cotton, but mostly silk."

A DIFFICULT FEAT.

To Catch a Ball Dropped from a Height of Five Hundred Feet.

A few years ago—in 1884, I believe—several well-known baseball players attempted the impossible feat of catching and holding a regulation Spalding dropped from the top of Washington's monument, says the St. Louis Republic. The experiment was tried by Trot, Hines, Baker, Snyder and several lesser lights in the fraternity, but none of them succeeded in holding it or even materially checking its progress to the ground. The men named above were all experts at their trades, but it is evident that they gave their sports more attention than they did their philosophy during their school days, otherwise they would have known that a body dropped from such a height would be traveling with a speed of 187 feet per second at the time of its contact with the earth. The reason why no living man could catch and hold a ball traveling with such velocity in plain enough by making some hasty comparisons: The greatest distance a ball has ever been thrown is 195 yards 1 foot and 4 inches. The longest "hit" on record is a few inches over 300 yards. In this last instance the ball was sent into the air at an angle of forty-five degrees. Now, mind this: Allowing the same ball to have been hit in the same direction at the same angle, with sufficient force to give it the velocity at the starting point that it would acquire in falling in falling from a height of 355 feet, it would have gone 54 yards instead of a bare fraction over 300 yards. And then, even think of trying to catch a ball the instant it leaves the bat on a 300 yards' trip! Ouch! It is any wonder that the boys let the ball slip through their fingers when it was on the "home stretch" after having fallen from the apex of the memorial to the father of his country?

Named by a Woman.

It was Helen Hunt Jackson, it is said, who named "The Garden of the Gods" in Colorado. Riding past the cabin of a prospector from the south in one of the early days of the settlement, she was attracted by a beautifully kept garden, in which two negro servants, a man and a woman, were working. In answer to a question the man informed her that his name was Jupiter and the woman's name, whereupon she exclaimed: "Then this must be the garden of the gods."

Frankness Rewarded.

Dr. Bliss—My dear fellow, this supposed sickness of yours is all imagination. Mr. Gruff—All right, doctor, I suppose, then, you'll be contented with an imaginary fever—Puck.

COST FOR THE YEAR

Of Grand Rapids' Special Street Improvements.

HALF A MILLION DOLLARS

Was Expended in Grading, Paving, Sewers and Water Mains—Saving Shown in Present Pumping System.

All members of the board of public works were present at the meeting yesterday. Engineer Bates reported having pumped 59,267,389 gallons of water during the week and having burned 154,000 pounds of coal. He reported that for the corresponding week of 1891 there was pumped 39,563,000 gallons of water, burning 151,407 pounds of coal. Last year coal cost \$3.27 per ton. The cost of pumping 1,000,000 gallons last year was \$5.05. During the past week coal has cost \$3.07 per ton, making the cost of pumping 1,000,000 gallons \$4.17. This saving, he said, must be accredited to the improvements made in the machinery during the past year.

Superintendent Davis submitted his annual report as follows:

Street Improvements.	year.	cost.
Street paved with cobble.	3,908	\$ 4,083 65
Street paved with cedar blocks.	6,072	21,991 00
Street paved with cedar blocks.	6,458	37,506 40
Street paved with cedar blocks.	3,368	43,193 75
Street paved with gravel and.	14,317	49,218 30
Graded, graveled and vertical.	2,229	2,960 00
Graded curb.	27,881	81,120 00
Macadam pavement.	1,564	9,060 00

Total 111.5 miles.....\$3,437,989 63
Sewers 15.4 miles.....\$1,100 15
Water mains laid 6 1/2 miles.....49,732 92
Total cost of all improvements.....\$50,162 54

The following accounts were allowed:

A. J. Lee	\$7 50
E. G. Biddle	35 00
N. I. Smith	87 50
David Forbes	9 00
J. S. Davis	103 00
Pump house employees	745 08
Water works office employees	25 25
Repairs and superintendence	509 40
City engineer's accounts	675 37
A. Himes	54 85
Telephone company	40 00

It's the Council's Affair.

Mr. Davis and Mr. Cotton reported on the resolution of the common council regarding the demand of John Coleman for damages for a fill on Logan street. They reported that the council had established the grade, and by a unanimous vote declared the work a necessary public improvement. Whether he had a legal claim was for the council and city attorney to decide.

DIED.

HOLIX—December 31, at her residence, No. 87 Home avenue, Mrs. Christina Holix, aged 71 years.

Funeral Wednesday forenoon from residence. Burial at Alpine.

E. G. Cheryman, funeral director, No. 25 Fountain street.

The Lily of the Valley.

What is it makes young ladies bright? That tapers their hearts with pure delight.

The only thing for which they'll fight, Lily White.

What is it makes dear grandma grin, And make old grandpa wipe his chin.

As if he were all pleased within? Lily White.

What is it makes the mother's face Light up with a celestial grace,

And papa ready for a race? Lily White.

What is it makes the children dear So fresh and rosy to appear?

Why, that is nothing very queer, 'Tis Lily White.

'Tis that which makes the merchants' till With gold and silver quickly fill.

Because the people must and will Have Lily White.

What is this famous Lily White, That fills all classes with delight,

And makes them happy, gay and Bright? 'Tis Flour Lily White.

Who is it makes this famous brand So well-loved throughout the land

So constantly in great demand? 'Tis Messrs. Swensburg, Crosby, Rowe,

The Valley City Milling Co., Who make the LILY thrive and grow.

A. B. M.

The I-4 off sale now in progress

gives the purchaser some excellent opportunities to secure first-class goods at a great value.

F. W. WENZEL.

Cor. Canal and Crescent streets.

A Happy New Year

To you all. Do not forget I am headquarters for game, poultry, fish and oysters. Ask for the celebrated Anchor brand oysters.

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A pastel portrait, 14x17, and a dozen cabinets at Krumer's, No. 334 South Division street, this week only \$5. Come quick. Have it for Christmas.

Holiday Excursion Rates.

The Michigan Central, The Niagara Falls Route, will sell round trip excursion tickets from Grand Rapids to all points on the Michigan Central in the United States and Canada, and to points in the state of Michigan upon connecting lines, except that to points on the D. & S. & A. railroad, 50 cents will be added at the rate of one and one-third, lowest first-class fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold December 24, 25, 26 and 31, 1902, and January 1 and 2, 1903, limited to return January 2, 1903, and are good upon all trains excepting 5, 6, 19 and 20.

For tickets, time tables, etc., apply to George W. Munson, Union ticket office, No. 67 Monroe street; A. Alquist, ticket agent at Union passenger station.

FRED M. BARNES, General Agent, No. 95 Monroe street.

Cheap Excursions to Canada.

"The Old Reliable" Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee, and Toledo, Saginaw & Muskegon railways will give their annual Canadian Excursion. The rate to nearly all prominent points in Canada will be HALF-PASS, and the long limit of tickets will allow excursionists to pay an extended visit to relatives and friends in Canada. The success of these excursions in former years has induced these lines to again repeat the same this year. Tickets at these cheap rates will be on sale at all stations for all trains on December 20, 21 and 22, valid to return to January 10, 1903, giving from 18 to 20 days for the visit. For information make application to all agents of D. G. H. & M. and T. S. & M. Railway.

JAMES CAMPBELL, City Agent, 25 Monroe street.



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Ladies' Night Robes, ruffled front..... 43c

Ladies' Night Robes, tucked and Hamburg edge trimming, 75c, 79c, 85c, 90c and..... \$1.00

Ladies' Drawers, tucked..... 20c

Ladies' Drawers, tucked and lace trimming..... 25c

Ladies' Drawers, tucked and Hamburg trimming, 35c, 39c..... 50c

Corset Covers, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 29c and..... 35c

Skirts..... 17c

Skirts, ruffled and tucked, 33c, 38c and..... 49c

Skirts, tucked and Hamburg edge trimming, 43c, 50c, 63c, 75c, \$1.00 and..... \$1.25

Chemises, 15c and..... 20c

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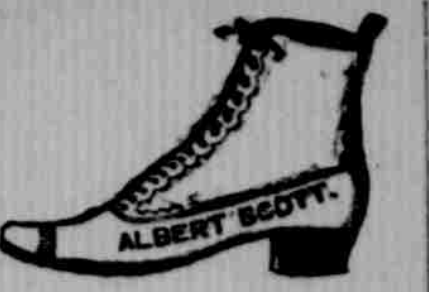
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